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MEDIA BUREAU ANNOUNCES COMMENT AND REPLY COMMENT DATES FOR THE DTV EIGHTH FURTHER NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE MAKING MB DOCKET NO. 87-268

Comments Due: October 10, 2007

Reply Comments Due: October 25, 2007

On August 1, 2007, the Commission adopted a *Seventh Report and Order and Eighth Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making* in the Commission's proceeding establishing a final DTV Table of Allotments for digital television (DTV).¹ In the *Seventh Report and Order*, the Commission adopted a new DTV Table of Allotments providing eligible stations with channels for DTV operations after the DTV transition on February 17, 2009. In the *Eighth Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making* ("*Eighth Further NPRM*"), the Commission announced tentative channel designations for several new permittees that had recently attained permittee status and sought comment on the DTV channels and technical facilities we propose to assign these permittees for operation after the DTV transition. In addition, the *Eighth Further NPRM* sought comment on a number of other proposals for revisions to the DTV Table adopted in the *Seventh Report and Order*. The *Eighth Further NPRM* set deadlines for filing comments and reply comments at 30 and 45 days after publication in the Federal Register.²

On September 10, 2007, the *Eighth Further NPRM* was published in the Federal Register.³ Accordingly, comments must be filed on or before October 10, 2007 and reply comments must be filed on or before October 25, 2007. Commenters should follow the filing instructions provided in paragraph 160 to 165 of the *Seventh Report and Order and Eighth Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making*.⁴ The *Seventh Report and Order and Eighth Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making* is also available on the Commission's website.⁵

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¹ Advanced Television Systems and their Impact Upon the Existing Television Broadcast Service, MB Docket No. 87-268, Seventh Report and Order and Eighth Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making, FCC 07-138 (rel. Aug. 6, 2007).

² *Id.* at 1.

³ 72 FR 5157537310 (September 10, 2007). It is expected that the *Seventh Report and Order* will be published in the Federal Register in the near future.

⁴ Seventh Report and Order and Eighth Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making, supra note 1, at ¶160-165.

⁵ See http://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/FCC-07-138A1.doc.

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